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**St. Paul, MN** - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) and local education officials will host a community policy forum on K-12 public education. This event will provide an opportunity for our education leaders to discuss some of the challenges facing Minnesota school districts and provide input on the reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Next week, Congresswoman McCollum will return to Washington, DC to vote in support of legislation that will provide some relief to Minnesota's state fiscal crisis. Minnesota is currently facing a deficit in the billions. If Congress passes this legislation, an estimated 140,000 teaching jobs nationwide - including 441 teaching jobs in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District - will be saved. Additionally, local education agencies in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District will receive nearly \$30 million in funding.

**WHO:** Congresswoman Betty McCollum

State Senator Sandy Pappas

State Senator Chuck Wiger

State Representative Carlos Mariani

Kitty Gogins, School Board Chair, Roseville Area Schools

Bruce Hagerty, Board Chair, East Metro Integration District 6067

Laurie Tostrud, Board Vice Chair, West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools

Jon Tynjala, School Board Chair, Mounds View Public Schools

Jay Haugen, Superintendent, West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools

Patty Heminover, Superintendent, South St. Paul Public Schools

Charlie Kyte, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of School Administrators

Scott Croonquist, Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Mary Cathryn Ricker, President, St. Paul Federation of Teachers

**WHEN:** 10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M., Friday, August 6, 2010

**WHERE:** Room 5, Minnesota State Office Building, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul MN 55155

Media outlets interested in attending this event are asked to RSVP to Maria Reppas at [maria.reppas@mail.house.gov](mailto:maria.reppas@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-6631.

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.*

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